IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for marking with a binary code a video sequence compressed by motion calculation, from one picture to another, of macroblocks ~~(MB)~~ dividing each picture, the digital pictures ~~(Si)~~ being distributed in at least two categories ~~(I, P, B)~~ according to whether they are coded integrally or by motion vectors ~~(MV)~~ of the macroblocks with respect to the previous picture or to the previous and next pictures, wherein, at least for the pictures ~~(P, B)~~ coded by motion vectors, only the macroblocks for which the motion vectors are greater than a predetermined threshold ~~(TH)~~ are marked.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising marking all the macroblocks of the pictures of the first category ~~(I)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising, for the pictures coded by motion vectors:

calculating the motion vectors ~~(MV)~~ of the macroblocks of the current picture,

comparing the absolute value of the motion vectors with a predetermined threshold; and

according to whether the motion vector of a macroblock is or not greater than said threshold, submitting or not the pixels of the macroblock to a marking algorithm.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein a prediction error of each macroblock is calculated, be it or not submitted to the marking algorithm, prior to a coding by discrete cosine transform.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said threshold is selected to correspond to a motion greater than 5 pixels from one picture to the next one.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, applied to a coding according to an MPEG standard.

7. (Currently Amended) An MPEG coding circuit, comprising means for implementing the method of claim 1.